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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Local, small businesses they are the backbone of America and are an important factor for the success of the middle class. I am a customer of Sonic.net because they are this kind of business, but they are also successful due to their competitive pricing, excellent customer service, and reliability.

AT&T and US Telecom's request to prohibit access and/or take away access to critical unbundled network elements, like last-mile copper and inter-city fiber, would cripple Sonic in their ambitious endeavor to remain competitive. Competition is good for business; we need broadband competition and competitive deployment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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